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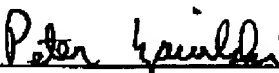
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Please note that the Docket No. has been changed to US 008032B.

**Amendments to the Specification** there are no amendments in this paper.

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